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Changes to Sacramento Water Conservation Ordinance Go Into Effect December 9, 2009

Residents and Businesses Reminded of Watering Restrictions during Cooler Winter Months

Changes to the City of Sacramento Water Conservation Ordinance go into effect on December 9, 2009. The changes to the ordinance include:

- After daylight savings time ends, watering landscapes and car washing is permitted one day a week, Saturday or Sunday only. Customers may choose which day to water or car wash on.
- Customers who utilize drip irrigation are permitted to water their landscapes using the drip irrigation system at any time during the day, on any day of the week, including during summer months.
- Limitations to how many times a violator may take the Water Conservation Class within a 24 month period to waive fines.

“The City of Sacramento reminds all of its customers that cooler weather means that landscapes do not need to be watered as frequently. Our ordinance specifies that after Daylight Savings Time ends each year, that customers cut back their watering to one day a week. Customers should consider turning systems off completely as rainy and foggy weather often provide all the moisture needed to keep a healthy landscape in the winter months,” said Marty Hanneman, Director, City of Sacramento Department of Utilities. “Customers are also reminded that even if this winter is a wet one, the City’s conservation ordinance will continue to be in effect next spring and we will continue to only permit watering of lawns three days a week.”

The changes to the ordinance were approved by the City Council on November 10, 2009.

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